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Sir:

Applicants herewith enclose copies of the prior art references which have been cited in the International Search Report issued for the counterpart PCT Patent Application which contains subject matter equivalent to that of the present application.

The references submitted herewith for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

A copy of the International Search Report (in English) is herewith provided which indicates the degree of relevancy found by the European Patent Office of each reference, so as to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), according to the Commissioner's Comment 68, 1135 Off. gaz. Pat. Office 13,20 (Feb. 4, 1992).

A copy of the Annex to the International Search Report is also enclosed, which indicates the patent family members of the patent documents cited in the Search Report.

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